(b) whether it is als$_0$ a fact that the project is likely to hinder considerably the agricultural research in the country and the tie up would virtually bring the agricultural research unde$_r$ private sector;

(c) if so, what are the considerations which weighed with Government to enter into such collaboration; and

(d) what precautionary measures hav$_e$ been taken by Government against the privatisation of agricultural research in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV); (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) In view of (b) above, the question doe$_6$ not arise.

Import of white cement by NAFED

1751. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA7 WuT the Minister of AGRICULTURE b$_e$ pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2301 given in the Rajya Sabha o$_n$ the 8th May, "1987 and"~B"tate;

(a) the licence under which the import of white cement by NAFED was made;

(b) whether the Tetter of credit opened By NAFED for import of white cement bore the import licence number which wa$_s$ issued to NAFED as an incentive for exports; and

(o) what provision of import policy was mentioned in the said letter of credit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) NAFED was issued a$_n$ additiona licence fo$_r$ import in 1983-84 as in. centive against exports. Accordingly it placed order fo$_r$ import of whit! cement. Subsequently, it wa$_s$ un derstood by NAFED that the inv port of white cement was under OGI for stock and sale and its import die not requir$_e$ additional licence. NAFEE claimed its clearance unde$_r$ OGL unde$_r$ 1984-85 policy.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The provision of Import Polic} mentioned in the said letter of credii was:

> OGL Appendix 6, List 8, Part III, Item No. 33 of AM «. 1984-85.

Editing of T.V. News Bulletin

1752. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to stat.e:

(a) whether it is a fact that editing of the News Bulletin for telecast by Doordarshan i$_s$ done at the Minis terial level instead of by the Produ cers and Editor$_s$ of News Bullet' and that, more often than not, minute instructions are issued ^%^ changes in the News Bulletins there by hampering their functioning in a professional manner; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H; <K. L, BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Closure of DCM Mills without payment of wages to workers

1753. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Cloth and cently decided to close down the -3J peq }U9Ui83euBui sntH iBjauaj),

Mills without the payment of wages t$_0$ 6000 old workers;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose •to take any action for the payment of wages to the workers of the Delhi Cloth Mills; if hot, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The management of Delhi Cloth and General Mill$_s$ submitted an application on 27-3-1985 to the Delhi Administration for permission under Section 25(0) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1347 to close down the unit with effect from 1-7-1985. The reasons stated by the management to close down the Mill relate, among others, to the factory buildings being very old, the location and operation of the Mill at the site being violative of the land use specified in the Master Plan foT Delhi, the dense population in th$_e$ vicinity being exposed to hazards of pollution, traffic, fire and unhealthy environment and it being not economically viable to run the Mill.

The Delhi Administration, the appropriate authority under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, refused permission to the management to close down the Mill on 15-4-1985, whereupon the management filed a writ petition in the Delhi High* Court against th$_e$ order of the Delhi Administration rejecting the Company's application for closure. The matter is *sub-judice.*

Boosting of housing activities for letting out

1754. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHCJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that rent laws in the country which are heavily weighed in favour of tenants, resulting bad physical condition of the houses and discourage the construction of houses for letting out;

Ob) whether Government propose to issue guidelines to States to amend rent laws, in order to boost construction of houses in the country; and

(c) if not, what other steps Government propose to take to give a fillip to housing activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Rent Control is a State subject and thi$_s$ Ministry is administratively concerned with Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958. However, representations are received in this effect from time to time.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal at present. However, amendment of Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958 is under consideration which may become a model Act for the State Governments and in turn boost housing activity.

Screening of serial 'Tamas'

1755. SHRI RAM CHADRA VIKAL;
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:
SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any controversy has arisen on the telecasting of the serial 'Tamas';

(b) if so, what is the feed back received by Government regarding this serial and whether any survey has been carried out about the viewers' reactions by any official or non-official agency, if so, th$_e$ details thereof;